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FOR AID/PHA/POP/PPD FROM EMBASSY POPULATION OFFICER

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TAGS: TBIO, LE

SUBJ: PROPOSAL FOR POPULATION RESEARCH UNDER

ICP-SMITHSONIAN CONTRACT (CSD-3598)

REF: AID AIRGRAM OF 8/27/75

1. SUBJECT RESEARCH PROJECT FOR LEBANON WOULD INDEED BE INTERESTING IN GENERAL HISTORICAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL TERMS, BUT SEEMS ONLY OF MODERATE INTEREST IN TERMS OF USG POPULATION PLANNING OBJECTIVES. HOWEVER, SINCE WE ARE NOT AWARE OF COMPETING DEMANDS FOR THE \$15,000 SOUGHT, WE ARE CORRESPONDINGLY UNABLE TO COMPARE THE DESIRABILITY OF SUBJECT STUDY PROJECT WITH OTHER ALTERNATE STUDY PROJECTS UNDER ICP-SMITHSONIAN CONTRACT.

2. OUR MODERATE INTEREST IN PROPOSED STUDY IS BASED ON SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS. AMONG THESE ARE:

A) FACT THAT INDIGENOUS MIDWIFERY SERVICES APPEAR TO BE USED BY A MUCH SMALLER PERCENTAGE OF LEBANESE SOCIETY THAN IS THE CASE IN OTHER MIDDLE EAST NATIONS. MOST LEBANESE USE MODERN, WESTERNIZED DELIVERY FACILITIES WITH EITHER MDS OR OFFICIALLY LICENSED MIDWIVES IN ATTENDANCE. AS RESULT, OVERALL IMPACT OF INDIGENOUS MIDWIFERY IS SMALLER HERE THAN ELSEWHERE IN

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REGION.

B) IF A STUDY "WITH RELEVANCE TO THE ENTIRE  
MIDDLE EAST" IS THE GOAL, THE HIGHLY URBANIZED  
AND MODERNIZED LEBANESE SOCIETY IS PROBABLY  
A TYPICAL OF THE REGION. A STUDY OF A MORE  
TRADITIONAL SOCIETY MIGHT HAVE MORE SIGNIFICANCE  
IF CONCLUSIONS ARE TO BE DRAWN WHICH ARE RELEVANT  
TO THE REGION AS A WHOLE.

3. PLEASE INFORM US OF PHA/POP'S EVENTUAL DECISION ON THIS  
MATTER.  
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